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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIDEKI SATO) Examiner: A. Chang
Application No.: 09/871,630) Group Art Unit: 2872
Filed: June 4, 2001)
For: DIFFRACTIVE OPTICAL)
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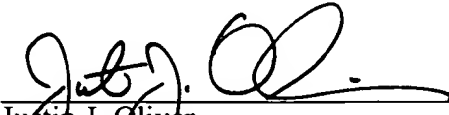
Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of a Search Report from a European counterpart to the above-identified application, which Applicant is providing for the Examiner's consideration.

The Search Report cites documents of record in this case. Specifically, the listed documents were brought to the Examiner's attention in the Information Disclosure Statements filed on September 15, 2003, and September 20, 2001. Accordingly, those documents of record are not being listed in a new Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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